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OUR INTERNATIONAL HOSPITAL

Among the recent vistors to the New England Deaconess Hospital from foreign countries was Dr. Cristobal Marinez-Bordiu, the son-in-law of Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco. A thoracic surgeon, he came here from Madrid at the invitation of Dr. Richard Overholt to observe new methods of chest surgery in this country.

Dr. Bordiu, whose title in Spanish nobility is the Marques de Villaverde, has returned to Spain to attend the Third International Congress on Diseases of the Chest. He is the vice-president of the Congress.

Spain has made great strides to overcome tuberculosis in recent years and Dr. Bordiu has played a major part in these improvements. The bed capacity for tubercular cases has been increased from 3,000 to 30,000 beds. The incidence of tuberculosis has been cut down and it has become mandatory for school children to have x-rays. A system of health insurance has been set up for workers.

In an interview with the Associated Press while he was at the Deaconess, Dr. Bordiu said, "It was Spain, you know, that discovered America. We are truly glad that the United States has discovered ways to aid Spain—not with money, but through science and regard for our welfare.

RECENT VISITOR to the Deaconess Hospital, Dr. Cristobal Martinez-Bordiu (right), son-in-law of Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco, and Dr. Richard H. Overholt check a patient's chart in the Operating Room. (World Wide Photos)

IN YOUR HANDS

The story is told of a young man who, in trying to outwit an old wise man, caught a bird and planned to approach the wise man with the bird in his hand, asking, "Is this bird dead or alive?" If the answer was "alive," he would close his fist and crush the bird. If the answer was "dead," he would open his hand and the bird would fly away. Surely the old man would be stumped! When confronted with the problem, however, the old man answered, "It is in your hands, my son; it is entirely in your hands."

That same answer applies to you in the 1955 Red Feather Campaign (October 24 to November 23) because the success of the campaign depends on you. It is up to you to see that the 300 Red Feather agencies can continue to provide service to the community.

You have a stake in the community in which you live, and by your contributions to the Red Feather Drive, you are making an investment in the health and vitality and in the future of your community. You are providing medical care for the sick, and a refuge for the aged and the homeless. They need you.

You are providing supervised recreation programs for children, in camps, in settlement houses and in clubs. They need your help.

You are helping the handicapped earn a living and lead a normal life. They depend on you.

More than half a million people benefit annually from Red Feather Services. GIVE MORE, GIVE GLADLY, GIVE NOW.

Mrs. Gertrude Jameson, Social Service Director, will be our company chairman this year. We hope that all the employees will give her their fullest cooperation in the coming drive.

IF DISASTER STRIKES!

We were most fortunate at Deaconess Hospital that we suffered little damage from our recent encounter with Hurricanes Carol and Edna, and even more fortunate that we were not called upon to render emergency service to casualties.

We know that everyone was concerned about their homes and members of their families. However we are a hospital and must be prepared to offer our facilities when disaster strikes.

Although making personal calls on hospital lines is prohibited, it was almost impossible either to reach the hospital or to place a call from the hospital for the period from 11:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. during the first hurricane.

In an emergency, the hospital lines must be kept free for official calls. There are pay stations in all buildings for the convenience of employees and visitors.

We learned an important lesson during Hurricane Carol and hope that you will all give your fullest cooperation the next time our services may be needed.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF FRIENDS

On October 19th, the Friends of the Deaconess will hold their annual meeting in Joslin Auditorium at 3:00 P. M. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Mrs. Margaret Henricksen, minister to seven churches in Maine, and author of the book, *Seven Steeples*. All hospital personnel are invited to attend.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Dear Editor:

Again, let me declaim and exalt THE PULSE. It is a charming, pulsating link between East and West and bridges beautifully the span of 3,000 miles. Mighty glad to be on your mailing roster!

Sincerely,
Kay Knudsen
Concord, California."

DAFFYNITIONS

(*From "Hospitals," the A.H.A. Journal*)

Endocranium: The top of the head.
Enterology: The study of doors.
Expectoration: What you think will happen.
Friable: Can be cooked.
Gullet: A small bird.
Humerus: Funny.
Influenzal: Having much power.
Malady: Female for "My lord."
Malingerer: A man who stays.

"BIG GAME HUNTER" Mary Irving, nurse in the out-patient department, looks over part of her model elephant collection. (Photo by J. Coyne)

DEACONESS SAFARI

Model elephants are reputed to be good-luck charms, and if this be true, then Lady Luck must be smiling on Mary Irving, a nurse in the Out-Patient Department, whose collection of elephants now numbers 522. There are elephants in every room of her Somerville home, — elephants of all sizes, colors, and materials — elephants of ebony, wood, glass, plastic, ivory, soapstone, cloth.

Some are ornamental; others serve a definite purpose. Among the more useful ones are elephant lamps, salt and pepper shakers, cigarette boxes and lighters, a hat rack, banks, pen stands, a cane, ashtrays, bookends, a plant stand, paper weights, bells, bottle openers, baby rattles, and a night light. One cabinet, which Mrs. Irving affectionately calls her "trophy room" is just about bursting at the seams with elephants.

Better Than A Rabbit's Foot

One of the most interesting pieces in the collection is a genuine elephant's foot. The bone has been removed and the foot is lined with nickle plating so that it can be used as a humidor (but isn't). The cover has the original thickness of the elephant's tooth.

Another exceptional piece is a hand-carved ivory elephant that is microscopic in size and must be viewed through a magnifying glass. It came from Ceylon and is packaged in a tropical bean about the size of a lady bug.

Most of you are probably familiar with the three monkeys depicting the saying, "Hear no evil, speak no evil, see no evil." But how many have seen the same idea illustrated by elephants? This, too, is a part of Mary Irving's collection. She even has an elephant puzzle — thirteen pieces of wood which form an elephant when put together properly.

Elephants — By the Herd

Mrs. Irving started her hobby in 1938 with a pair of elephant bookends which were a gift from her husband. Since that time, she has bought only three herself. All the rest have been gifts from relatives and friends who have become interested in her hobby.

Proud of her collection (and proud she should be — your editor has seen it), Mary Irving advises everyone to take up a hobby of some sort. "It gives you something to think about besides yourself," she says, "and it's such fun to watch it grow."

WOMAN OF THE MONTH

Dr. Priscilla White was recently named Whiting Woman of the Month by the Whiting Milk Company. She was presented with an engraved silver Paul Revere pitcher.

MISS LOUISE SEYMOUR
New Chief Record Librarian

RECORD ROOM TO CHANGE HANDS

Miss Ella Needham, our Chief Record Librarian, has decided to relinquish the reins after thirty-one years of service to the Deaconess. She first came here in December, 1923, after working at the Mary Hitchcock Hospital, Hanover, N. H., and inaugurated the system we now use in our record room.

Miss Needham was 1st vice-president of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians when the group was first organized in 1928.

Although Miss Needham will be with us until the end of next year, Miss Louise Seymour will assume the "headaches" on November 1st.

More Than 2,500,000 Record Sheets

As the person in charge of thousands of medical records (there are probably more than 2,500,000 sheets of records at N.E.D.H. to date) which are guarded almost as closely as the gold in Fort Knox, Miss Seymour has a big job on her hands. But, with the outstanding background she has had in her field, we know she will do a "record" job of it.

Educated at Maryland College for Women and the Medical Records School at Graduate Hospital, University of Pennsylvania, Miss Seymour has also taken courses at Harvard and Boston University. Her career began at the Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia where she was assistant record librarian. From there, she moved to the South Baltimore General Hospital as chief record librarian.

Worked Overseas During War

During the war, Miss Seymour was a hospital staff aide overseas—in France, Germany and Belgium. Her duties involved social work and recreation, working with wounded combat patients, and often meant living in tents, chopping her own wood, and having one helmet full of water a day for bathing and washing clothes.

Returning to this country, she became chief record librarian at the Episcopal Eye and Ear in Washington, D. C. Following that, Miss Seymour traveled throughout the country as an analyst for the United States Public Health Service, doing a pilot study on group practice. Working with a team, she visited clinics and studied them from the standpoint of medical records, administration and medical staff.

Prior to assuming her duties at the Deaconess, Miss Seymour was chief record librarian at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Director of a Medical Record Administration Program at the Mass. General and Simmons College.

In addition to such an impressive background of work in her field, our new Chief Record Librarian has held various offices in the American Association of Medical Record Librarians and is now its national president. As a committee member of the International Congress on Medical Records, she presented a paper on "Filing and Disposition of Records" at the 1st Congress, held in London two years ago. She is also a member of the Hospital Work Simplification Council.

DEACONESS BOWLING LEAGUE

The 1954-1955 Bowling Season is now well under way and shows promise of some good natured rivalry and keen competition among the ten department teams. Opening night was September 15th with Charles Schraub bowling the first ball. The chairman this year is Charles Spaulding. Interested spectators may watch the teams every Wednesday night at the Boylston Bowladrome, which

IT'S BARGAIN TIME AGAIN

Exceptional values at bargain prices are once again available to hospital employees at the Thrift Shop. Coats for men and women, suits, dresses, hats, shoes, accessories — and all in good condition.

Come in any Wednesday, 10:00 to 2:00, and Friday, 12:00 to 3:30 and see the merchandise.

The Thrift Shop will also gladly accept any used clothing you may wish to contribute. They even offer you the opportunity to exchange something of your own for an item you prefer in the shop.

Remember, buy and save at the Thrift Shop now!

PULSE CELEBRATES EIGHTH BIRTHDAY

THE PULSE will be eight years old during the month of October, and the editor and reporters feel that this is the appropriate time to ask you what you think of our work.

We want your ideas and suggestions. Will you please fill out the questionnaire below and return it to the Public Relations office on Deaconess I

1. How are we doing? In general, do you consider THE PULSE to be: Very good.....; Fair.....; Poor.....?
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11. Do you have any suggestions for improvements?.....
12. Do you have any suggestions for a series of articles or pictures?.....

If you have any specific comments to make, please add them to the questionnaire. It is not necessary for you to give us your name.

WANTED — GLEE CLUB MEMBERS

Rehearsals have begun for the student nurses' glee club and will be held every Tuesday night in Harris Hall at 8:00.

All students who are interested are urged to attend. Help make this the glee club's most successful year.

ENGAGEMENTS

Phyllis Ackerly, secretary to Miss Newton, Director of Nursing, to Allan Wirth of Methuen. An early winter wedding is planned.

Lucille Jean Lippe, Assistant Head Nurse on Palmer IV, to Mr. Francis Fiske Carley of Allston. They will be married October 9.

Ann Warren Bartlett, '51, to Ronald H. Eldridge of Harwichport. They will be married in California in late October.

Janet Lucille Thompson, '54, to Walter Hallowell of Belmont. The wedding is planned for October 9th.

Patricia Matthews, secretary to Dr. Kellett, to Edwin A. Blackey, Jr. of Tamworth, N. H.

Phyllis Bradley, '52, to E. Raymond Allen of Woburn. An April wedding is planned.

Anne R. King, '50, to Stephen Weekes a Dartmouth graduate.

Nancy W. White of Lexington to Robert Louis Collin of the Cancer Research Institute. A November wedding is planned.

1957 JUNIORS

Forty new students were welcomed to the School of Nursing at a tea in Harris Hall, September 10th. Our very best wishes to the following girls:

Ann Aldrich, Beverly; Joan Barteaux, Haverhill; Barbara Bell, Melrose; Patricia Lou Blodsett, Manchester, N. H.; Patricia Brittain, Weymouth; Phyllis Pickford Burk, Auburndale; Elva Butland, Sagamore; Elaine Call, Colrain; Gail Evelyn Cavanaugh, Portsmouth, R. I.; Joan Amelia Chaplin, Hingham.

Lois Ann Cryer, Pawtucket, R. I.; Sheila Logan Dean, Middleboro; Suzanne Dern, Dorset, Vt.; Sandra Gibson, Claremont, N. H.; Judith Hayes, Arlington; Leah Heffren, Pittsfield, Me.; Beverly Jane Horsman, Portland, Me.; JoAnne Elizabeth Houle, Madison, Me.; Rebecca Inman, Dexter, Me.; Joanne Kemmer, Braintree.

Cynthia Lawson, Arlington; Beverly Legare, Groton, Vt.; Barbara Frances Leslie, S. Weymouth; Alicia May MacGregor, Derry, N. H.; Carol Jean Maden, Pittsfield, Me.; Eleanora E. McCallum, Bridgewater; Beatrice Anne Newcomb, Braintree; Jean Obermeyer, Newton Highlands; Jeanne Planchon, Pomfret, Conn.; Marjorie Porter, N. Weymouth.

Gail Prior, Natick; Kate Richmond, Arlington; Elizabeth Anne Short, Somerville; Dorothy Anne Smith, Melrose; Suzanne Snow, Worcester; Marjorie Sterling, N. Quincy; Phyllis Swaine, Jamaica Plain; Carmenetta Volante, Providence, R. I.; Marilyn Wagner, Roslindale; Marilyn Vesta Wheeler, Dedham.

WEDDINGS

Anna L. White, Purchasing Agent, to George Thomas Spellissy on September 6th at St. Julia's Church in Weston. Mr. Spellissy is a graduate of Holy Cross and was recently discharged from U. S. Army. The couple is now living in Weston.

Kathryn Nihart, secretary to the Comptroller, to Richard Goodwin on September 18. The Goodwins will live in Dedham.

Ethel Jane Thomas, O.R. nurse, to Charles Melvin Fletcher on September 12.

Nancy Battles, '53, to Clarke G. Homan on September 12. Mr. Homan is a student at Rhode Island State University.

Barbara Jean Carlson, I. V. nurse, to Ronald M. Heaton on September 4th in Cambridge.

Marjorie Giffin, '53, to John A. Green, U.S.N., on September 12th in Maine.

May Naomi Ekstrand, '49, to Roland Edward Lindahl on August 28th.

Jacquelyn Holmes, '51, to James E. Nevin III of Shaker Heights, Ohio. The wedding took place on August 27th.

Carol Carr, '52, of the nursing staff to Edward T. Dell, Jr., a senior at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge.

Flora Isabel Lane, '53, to Curt Abbott Livingston on September 4th. Mr. Abbott is a Boston University graduate.

Ruth Elizabeth Brown, '54, to Floyd L. Hewett, Jr. on August 30th. The couple will live in Boston.

BLESSED EVENT

To Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Brownlee, a daughter Maureen, on September 1st.

For A Better Start — Start With A Better Breakfast

We all need a good breakfast — a real meal. That's what breakfast should be — one of the three square meals a day we need to keep healthy and feel on top of the world.

Breakfast is the spark-plug meal of the day — it will either start you off with a bang or let you just crawl along. Plan to get from one-quarter to one-third of your day's food needs in your morning meal. This will supply sufficient energy, protein, minerals and vitamins to let you breeze through until lunchtime without a slump.

A basic breakfast pattern of fruit, cereal or egg, milk, and bread and butter is tops nutritionally. An office worker needs less in *quantity* than a laborer, but not a bit less in *quality* — in terms of PROTEIN (milk, eggs, meat), MINERALS (milk, cereals), and VITAMINS (fruit, milk).

Allow time for a pleasant, sociable meal. Gulping your food can cause indigestion, and other serious illness.

REMEMBER — A GOOD BREAKFAST — A GOOD MORNING.

NEW NURSING STUDENTS recently welcomed at the Deaconess include (front row, left to right) Joanne Kemmer, Braintree; Barbara Frances Leslie, South Weymouth; and Beatrice Anne Newcomb, Braintree. Rear: (left to right) Patricia Brittain, Weymouth; Marjorie Porter, North Weymouth; and Marjorie Sterling, North Quincy.

(Photo by J. Coyne)